

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 13, 1983

TO: - Warner K. Reeser

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SUBJECT: Trip Report, T.A. 38-675: Laguna Reclamation

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The Pueblo of Laguna met with Anaconda Minerals Company (AMC) on 6-9-83 to discuss issues related to the reclamation of the Jackpile-Paguate Mine. However, AMC withdrew from the meeting due to commitments elsewhere. CERT and tribal participants remained to map out a recourse to take with regard to bringing AMC to the discussion table and decided upon the following approach.

- Governor Martinez of the Pueblo of Laguna will write AMC management and express the tribe's disappointment in AMC's unwillingness to negotiate at the 6-9-83 meeting. The letter will state that the pueblo is ready to negotiate and will ask that a corresponding commitment be made by AMC.
- Governor Martinez will present a resolution to the tribal council which will give the Natural Resource Committee full authority to negotiate with AMC. Previously, the committee has had to submit results of meetings with AMC to the tribal council for concurrence.
- The tribe will again ask BIA for technical assistance in the areas of hydrology and engineering. The tribe feels these areas require a critical review because AMC has had numerous studies conducted to support its position relating to highwalls and groundwater movement.
- In preparation for further negotiations, CERT was assigned the following issues:
 - Vegetation monitoring period, and
 - Waste pile slope stabilization.

Other issues were delegated to various committee members. The next meeting with AMC is tentatively scheduled for 6-23-83. The meeting date is contingent upon completion of the aforementioned tasks.

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